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Sikkema Comments on Governor's First Orders

LANSING – Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema, R-Wyoming, today issued the following statement on Governor Granholm's first two executive orders:

"Michigan government already holds itself to the high ethical standards that Governor Granholm espoused today. Perhaps that is why after more than a decade of Republican leadership at the capitol and in the executive branch, there has not been one scandal. The ethical problems that plague Wayne County are unique in the state of Michigan. It is disappointing that the governor has created a solution in search of a problem that does not exist in 82 of Michigan's 83 counties."

"I think it is important that we hold municipalities to the same ethical standards to which Governor Granholm wants to hold Michigan businesses. Last year, the Great Lakes Task Force identified raw sewage as one of the most significant sources of pollution of our lakes, rivers and streams. In this case, the polluters were municipalities. I would welcome Governor Granholm's cooperation in applying a similar standard to these public polluters."